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Telling the Truth About Vermont.

When Mr. Rossiter's very careful study of Vermont's figures of changes in population was published a few months ago, and when in the Boston Transcript a review of that study gave an unpleasant view of Vermont's condition, a good many of the State's newspapers were grieved and hurt and shocked and horrified that any one should have thus "attacked" their beloved state.

The Age meanwhile continued to maintain its opinion that Rossiter's study was made in good faith and with good will, and that both the facts he gave and all the sad conclusions that could be drawn from them, should be made widely known, and should be carefully pondered—and, that a movement away from partisan politics and toward a plain, business-like upbuilding of the state by non office-seekers should be set on foot. The Age claimed, and still claims, that the people of the state have too long been fanatical worshippers at a political shrine; that they have been blinded by their fanaticism and led to think that all good things came from officeholders, and to believe that if they elected the same brand of officeholders each year, their state would progress. The office-seekers, so the Age has claimed, naturally took advantage of this spirit of blind adoration on the part of the voters, and after quarreling and fussing and fuming over matters of no importance every year, in their newspapers and on the stump, quietly divided up the jobs, from senatorships down, according to the program of the clique on top.

Now, when public positions are so easily got year after year, and decade after decade, the sense of responsibility in those who hold the jobs must sink pretty low; it's bound to; it can't be helped.

What happened came quite naturally. The prophets knew that their followers were born blind in the faith and would find fault with nothing more important than the odor of the incense; so the prophets naturally just went into the temple and loafed through their jobs.

Compare, now, what the Age has been saying, as above outlined, with what our friend the St. Albans Messenger says. The Messenger has found fault with the Age for saying that the state has not made good in the past 40 years, has fallen out of the procession, has not developed its possibilities, has not even properly educated its children, has preferred the rattle and tom-tom of the medicine man of politics to the plain facts and sound advice of business. This kind of talk gives the Messenger a chill. But the kind which follows this is what the Messenger approves of—and prints.

"Vermont has experienced an overwhelmingly political one-sidedness so long that generations of men have grown up accustomed to the abnormal condition of affairs it has produced and their habits of thought have become fixed in the idea that the party organization is not only invulnerable, but that it is right that it should be so. This naturally makes for a kind of political bigotry and intolerance, an indifference to criticism born of a sense of numerical strength and security at the polls, that all too easily result in the repudiation of platform pledges and a reluctance to espouse the progressing side of the never ending search for the best means to achieve good government."

"The only 'politics' we know anything about here in Vermont is the biennial internecine strife of a few Republican leaders to get a nomination for the governorship that they are assured beforehand will be equivalent to an election."

"What do we care about platform forms? said a prominent Vermont Republican not many years ago. 'We can win without them.' Win what? Not better government, not the confidence of the people that the party in power will achieve better government, but simply that the chosen candidate for the governorship will get the title of chief executive to be written down on the

page of state history and be passed on to establish and confirm the social estate of his children."

"The people of Vermont, the great bulk of the sober-minded, thoughtful, ambitious citizens of the state, the men of civic pride and sensitive moral notions about politics, were disgusted with some phases of the canvas for the Republican nomination for governor in 1910."

"The overwhelming momentum of the mass of automatic Republican votes in this state will carry through pretty much any state ticket."

"Then in the face of the unmistakable party and public endorsement of a proposition to help purify Vermont politics, in spite of the shameful extravagances and excesses that have made money campaigns for the governorship in this state a by-word and a reproach—the senate of 1910 wantonly and contemptuously repudiated the solemn pledge of the party and put itself on record as still willing to tolerate the power of the purse in politics."

There you have the whole story, just as the Age has been trying to tell it. The state is the pocket borough of a few—they know they can always win. They don't even need to announce their principles, and still less do they need to live up to them. The Messenger is welcome to the ranks of those who think that the state house at Montpelier is no burning bush, and that those who can beat revivify and guide Vermont are not among the men who are seeking office at the hands of the state's high priests.

SOUTH POMFRET PONS FRACTUS NOTES.

The school boxes will soon be sent out. The delay comes on account of our exhibit at the Windsor county fair. This exhibit was made up of books, few or many, taken from each box.

The boxes are now improved by the addition of shelves, and the school directors are placing brackets in each schoolroom, on which to have them stand.

Books not much read have been taken out and their places filled by the latest and best and most wide-awake printed matter we have been able to lay our hands on.

Parents and friends of education are earnestly solicited to visit our schools, and see for themselves these delightful books.

The boxes will not be called in until the close of the winter term. At that time will be printed in our local papers the loans for the two terms.

Which school will take the lead? Which branch librarian will show the most enthusiasm in advancing the best interests of the children in her charge?

ABRA DOTON CHAMBERLIN,
Librarian.

ANKLE BROKEN.

Will Paige, who is employed by Oscar Harding, was badly hurt Monday afternoon while driving an ox team across the brook to the mowing. In descending the bank of the shallow stream a cart wheel went over a log and as the oxen fell back a little to hold the cart which was thrown against them when the wheel came down, the near ox struck and stepped on Mr. Paige's ankle, breaking and crushing the bone. Dr. H. C. Jackson attended him, and he is getting along well, but will be unable to work for some time. He is now at J. B. Gibson's.

Mrs. Emma Adams is attending the Merrimack Christian conference at Franklin, N. H., this week.

Mrs. Anna Proctor of Ipswich, Mass., who has been a guest of Miss Addie Paul for a week, returns to her home today.

Rev. H. L. Canfield will conduct a service in Grange hall, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 1, at 3 o'clock. Bible Study classes will meet at 4 o'clock. A welcome to all.

Mrs. Huse, housekeeper for F. C. Perry, is in White River Junction for a few days.

John B. Gibson, who has been on a western trip visiting relatives, returned home a few days ago.

PLYMOUTH UNION

John Pierce, Mrs. Betsey Somers and Miss Sallie have gone to Philadelphia for an indefinite stay.

Oscar Wilson is visiting Mrs. Sarah Hall.

Mrs. Whitney of Montague, Mass., is visiting at Henry Leslie's.

Maynard Brown was in Ludlow Monday.

There is rending of rocks on the Notch road.

Word comes from Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall of Burlington, who is recuperating in Newcastle, Me., that his condition is very satisfactory and that he is able to ride out daily.

Ex-Governor Proctor Dead.

Ex-Governor Fletcher D. Proctor died Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at his home in Proctor after an illness of about two months with infected endocarditis.

Fletcher Dutton Proctor was born in Cavendish on November 7, 1860, the son of the late United States Senator Redfield and Emily J. (Dutton) Proctor. He attended school at a military institute in Rutland and later at Middlebury high school, spending a short time in Middlebury college and then going to Amherst college, from which institution he was graduated in 1882.

After completing his education he entered business life, being employed by the Vermont Marble company, the president of which was his father, Redfield Proctor. He began by learning the machinist's trade and occupied other positions and in 1885 he was made superintendent. From that time he became active in the management of the great concern and in 1889 he was elected president, a position which he filled up to the time of his death.

He was secretary of civil and military affairs under Governor Ormsbee and was elected to the Vermont House of Representatives first in 1890, from the town of Proctor. At the next biennial election he was elected a senator from Rutland county, and in 1900, returning to House, he was elected speaker. Again in 1904 he was sent back to the House by the town of Proctor, and two years later he was elected governor of Vermont, just 28 years after his father had held the position. Leaving that office in 1908, he devoted his entire time to the rapidly growing interests of the Vermont Marble company.

Ex-Gov. Proctor was married on May 26, 1886, to Minnie E. Robinson of Westford.

SIFTING DIAMONDS.

Easy Way They Locate the Gems in South Africa.

Sifting ashes is a common process, but the sifting of diamonds is of recent practice and has been successfully in use for a few months in the lately discovered fields near Luderitz bay, in German Southwest Africa. The process of recovering the stone is so simple as to be almost ludicrous.

The negro boys, with blue goggles on, kneel down on the sand searching for the diamonds. They are furnished with spades, and with these they proceed to fill an ordinary fine meshed sieve. A man will then take the sieve, give it a shake and plunge it into a bath of sea water, which has the effect of hardening the contents, while at the same time, owing to the specific gravity of the diamonds, the latter fall to the bottom.

The man then picks up the sieve and turns it over to an ordinary deal table, and the diamonds are then on the top. He takes an ordinary table knife, picks out the diamonds with this and carefully places them in a pickle bottle which stands by his side. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

Lepers in Egypt.

The latest census for Egypt shows that there are about 6,000 lepers in that country, which, according to the London Lancet, is a number at least double that which has previously been mentioned in official figures. "The public health department," adds the Lancet, "has not yet devoted much time or study to this question, and there are as yet no laws upon the subject. But we are glad to see in the last annual report of that department that it is suggested that beggars and vagabonds affected with leprosy shall be isolated and that lepers should not be allowed to make or sell cigarettes and certain foods, nor should a leper be permitted to be an indoor servant or cook."

No Danger.

"They took their honeymoon trip in a balloon."

"Oh, well, there was not much danger of their falling out during their honeymoon." —Houston Post.

Nefarious Pale.

The lightning bug, with lantern dim, To do the job lacks nerve and skill, So the mosquito follows him, With burglar's tools to blast and drill. —Washington Star.

Dull Preacher Responsible.

Wife—John, dear, your trousers badly need pressing. They look as if you'd been sleeping in them.

Hubby—I have. These are the ones I wore to church. —Boston Transcript.

Mistreatment.

"Jonah," asked Mrs. Quigley, "what is abuse of the franking privilege?"

"Congressmen compelling it to carry their speeches about, Maria," said Quigley. —Browning's Magazine.

His First Topper.

"When a man puts on his first high hat," remarked the observer of events and things, "he couldn't look any more important if he had been handed a halo." —Yonkers Statesman.

Rule of Snob Society.

Mack—I understand that Van Dyke has been dropped by society. Wyld—Yes; he made himself unpopular because he paid his debts instead of his social obligations. —Puck.

Not Much.

Critic—Are you going to let that young actor follow his natural bent? Stage Manager—Not much I am! He's got to play a straight part. —Belmore American.

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Troublesome. Arthur Collins tells a good story about a certain well known member of parliament, who is a personal friend of his.

"This M. P.," he says, "on one occasion, when instructing his chauffeur on the importance of driving carefully, remarked:

"You need not keep quite such a watchful eye on growing-up people, as they can look after themselves. But whatever you do, mind you exercise the greatest care when you see children and babies in the road." Whereupon the chauffeur replied:

"Yes, them feeding bottles do cut up the tires dreadful!" —Tit-Bits.

Poker Term.



"Raising him."

Grievance. Editor—We are sorry to lose your subscription, Mr. Jackson. What's the matter? Don't you like our politics? Mistah Jackson—Tain't dat, sah; tain't dat. Mah wife jes' been an' dun landed a job o' wuk foh me by advertisin' in yonh darned old papah! —Puck.

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PETITION FOR DIVORCE

STATE OF VERMONT: Whereas, Gertrude Kavanagh, of the County of Windsor, Vt., has duly filed her petition to the County Court, setting forth her legal marriage to Peter Kavanagh, then of Park Rapids, in the State of Minnesota, that she had resided for three years in the State of Vermont, that she had kept the said marriage covenant, but that the said Peter Kavanagh had violated the same, for that he had wilfully deserted the petitioner for three consecutive years, for that he had treated the petitioner with intolerable severity, for that he had neglected and refused to provide suitable maintenance, and had committed adultery; wherefore the petitioner prays for a bill of divorce from the said Peter, and for alimony, and for leave to resume her maiden name.

And whereas it appears that said Peter Kavanagh is without this State, so that the summons of said Court may not be served upon him;

It is Thereupon Ordered that the said Peter Kavanagh be notified and required to appear in and before said Court and make answer, if any she have, and abide the order and judgment of said Court in the premises, at the term thereof next to be held at Woodstock in and for the County of Windsor in the State of Vermont, on the first day of said term, by publishing the substance of said petition, together with this order, for three successive weeks, in the Spirit of the Age, a newspaper published at Woodstock in said County, the last publication to be at least six weeks prior to said term of Court, which shall be deemed sufficient notice to said Peter Kavanagh.

Given under my hand, at Woodstock, in the County of Windsor, this 26th day of September, A. D. 1911.

Jay Reed Pember, Clerk.

Frank A. Walker, Atty. for Petitioner.

Middlebury's Fund Nearly Completed.

The registration of the freshman class at Middlebury is 121, and several more students are expected. The class is a third larger than any previously received by Middlebury.

President Thomas announces that the general education board fund of \$200,000 is nearly completed.

A pledge of \$5,000 has been received from Hon. Levi P. Morton, ex-vice-president of the United States and a former governor of New York.

Fifty-three students are already enrolled for the new state agricultural school at Randolph Centre, and more applications are in. The school opened September 20.

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Rutland's Young Highwayman

Armed with a .39 caliber revolver and carrying in his pocket a black silk handkerchief, which he had used as a mask, Hugh Keefe of Rutland, 17 years old, was arrested by the police at 11 o'clock Saturday night, after he had attempted several robberies earlier in the evening, and at the point of a gun had obtained \$7.30 from Miss Elsa Owen.

Keefe was out on parole from the Vergennes Industrial school, where he was sentenced several years ago for the remainder of his minority for attempting to wreck a train between Shaftsbury and South Shaftsbury.

It is now expected that the new Congregational church at Hyde Park will be dedicated early in October.

The edifice that is being erected in Rutland by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, will be ready for occupancy October 1.

The Ottaquechee Savings Bank Woodstock, Vermont

INCORPORATED 1847

DEPOSITS JULY 1, 1911 \$1,695,709.19
SURPLUS 160,610.1
TOTAL ASSETS \$1,856,319.30

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From July 1, 1911, this bank proposes to pay 4 per cent. interest on deposits.

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Interest will be credited to depositors January 1 and July 1, compounding twice a year.

The Vermont Legislature has repealed the law restricting deposits in any one savings bank to \$2000.00. This bank can now pay interest on individual deposits of any amount and all taxes will be paid by the bank. Nothing will be reported to the listers for taxation.

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Universalist—Rev. H. L. Canfield, pastor; morning service at 10 o'clock; Sunday school at 11:45.

Congregational—Rev. Benjamin Swift, pastor. Morning service 10:30. Sunday school at 11:45. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.

Methodist Episcopal—Rev. F. Clark, pastor. Services Sunday, Preaching, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.; Thursday prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.; Sunday evening meeting, 7:00.

Catholic—Rev. H. J. Mail, pastor, Mass at 11 a. m.; evening service at 7:30.

Services will be held the first Sunday of each month at Village hall, Quebec, at 9 o'clock, and at Barnard, at the town hall, on second Sunday of each month at 8 o'clock.

St. James Church—Rev. R. Blane Lynch, rector. Morning Prayer and Sermon 10:30 a. m.; Holy Communion on first Sunday in the month after Morning Prayer. Sunday School at noon. Evening Prayer and sermon 5 p. m. All welcome.

Christian—Pastor, Rev. E. Phillips. Services Sunday. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 11:45. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m.; mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.

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328 Drowned in New England

Three hundred and twenty persons were drowned accidentally in New England waters during summer season, which ended yesterday. Of the number, 161 bathed and 114 lost their lives; they fell from boats. More were drowned in Massachusetts than in any other New England state, number being 139. Maine second, with 71.

Bethel Pastor Resigns

The Rev. Simon F. Good, who has served the Congregational church at Bethel for the past months, has resigned. He is offering several calls to other parishes.